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- An alliance among the Uniao Democratica Nacional (UDN), the Partido Trabalhista Brasileiro (PTB), and the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) is allegedly growing in force. Some of the leaders of the three parties unofficially have agreed to support Getulio Vargas for President of Brazil in the next election. Through Communist cell members source has heard that Vargas has already made promises with regard to future posts in the government.
- 2. During the week of 3-9 October 1948, an unidentified Communist emissary visited Curitiba and the Parana towns of Porto Uniao, Male, Rio Azul, Reboucas, and Trati, to meet with various Communists. It was learned that his mission was to arrange an understanding between PTB and PCB members in that area. It was noted in particular that he was in touch with members of the railroad workers' union. Source, himself, contacted a number of railroad union members and was informed that the union is in frequent touch with contact men of the Vargas group and that Parana, Rio de Janeiro, and Santa Catarina railroad workers unions are being organized to support Vargas.
- 3. Source was informed that the Communists intend to use the pretense of backing Vargas as an excuse for holding meetings to further their own ends. In their pro-Vargas campaign they will use the slogan "Nos Queremos" (catchword of the Vargas followers known as Queremistas) and will organize their meetings around students. The students will initiate action under the pretext of defending Brazilian oil deposits from exploitation by "imperialists."
- 4. In Joinville, in the state of Santa Catarina, a newspaper called <u>Uniao</u> will appear soon under the auspices of Vargas and his followers. The paper will be managed by Petrarca Callado, who is known to be a person who will work for anyone for money. During the war he managed a pro-Nazi newspaper in Parana for the Germans until it was shut down with the entrance of Brazil into the war. He was ordered to leave Parana at that time This Conserve

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